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July 1, Cattle Inventory

July 22, 2005 - United States: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2005, totaled 104.5 million head, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.8 million, were 1 percent above the 42.5 million on July 1, 2004 and slightly above the 42.7 million two years ago. Beef cows, at 33.8 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 and up slightly from two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.05 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 but down 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2005 and the changes from July 1, 2004, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and

over, 16.2 million, up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, up 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 3.7 million, up 3 percent. Other heifers, 7.5 million, down 1 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, up 1 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, up 2 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 29.0 million, up slightly. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 2 percent.

The 2005 calf crop is expected to be 37.8 million, up slightly from 2004 but down slightly from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 1 percent from 2003.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
 United States, July 1, 2004-2005**

Class	United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	103,600	104,500	101
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,500	42,800	101
Beef Cows	33,500	33,750	101
Milk Cows	9,000	9,050	101
	2004	2005 ¹	2005 as % of 2004
Calf Crop	37,625	37,800	100

¹ Preliminary.

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